

AFFIDAVIT OF FREDERICK VEAL

I, Frederick Veal, declare and state as follows:

1. My name is Frederick Veal. I am over 18 years old and competent to make this statement.
2. I was arrested by the Leflore County Sheriff's Department in 1997 and was held in Leflore County Jail .
3. At some time while I was at Leflore County Jail , Curtis Flowers was also held there.
4. I did not know Curtis Flowers, but I had heard through the grapevine that he had been charged with murdering four people in a store.
5. I was desperate to get out of jail, so I contacted Sheriff Ricky Banks and asked if there was anything I could do to get myself out of jail.
6. Sheriff Banks told me that if I could get a confession from Curtis Flowers, he would help me out by speaking with the DA.
7. After that, Sheriff Banks and another man I did not know gave me a list of questions they wanted me to ask Curtis Flowers and then placed me in Flowers's jail cell. To the best of my recollection, I stayed in the cell with Flowers for two days or less.
8. I never asked Flowers any of the questions that Banks and the other man had given me. I never spoke with Flowers about the Tardy Furniture Store murders.
9. After I was removed from Flowers's cell, I met with Sheriff Banks and Doug Evans. I told them that Flowers did not say anything to me about his charges.
10. Sheriff Banks and Doug Evans made me write out a statement saying that Flowers had confessed to the murders.
11. Doug Evans told me what to say in the statement. He told me that the gun used in the Tardy Furniture Murders was a .380 caliber gun. Before he told me that, I had no idea what type of gun was used.
12. A man who I believe was John Johnson later came to me with offers of money if I testified against Flowers. I remember him mentioning \$30,000. I agreed to testify against Flowers. Johnson told me that as soon as Flowers was convicted, I would get \$30,000.

13. On October 14, 1997, I testified against Curtis Flowers at his trial in Tupelo.

14. While I was in Tupelo for the trial, I met Maurice Hawkins for the first time.

15. While in Tupelo, John Johnson gave me a paper that said what he wanted me to testify to at the trial. I believe he gave Hawkins a paper with the same or a similar statement on it to make sure that we testified to the same information at trial.

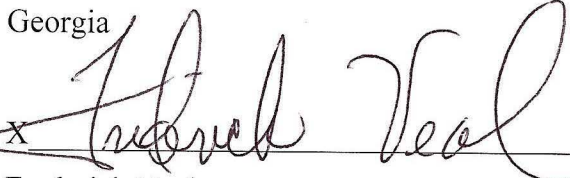
16. While in Tupelo, I decided I did not want to go forward with my testimony and tried to pull out of the situation. Doug Evans and John Johnson told me it was too late to back out and threatened me with a perjury charge if I did. I did not want to go back to jail, so I went forward with my untruthful testimony.

17. I testified during that trial that Curtis Flowers had admitted to me that he had murdered four people at the Tardy Furniture Store on July 16, 1996. That testimony was untrue. Flowers and I never discussed the Tardy Furniture Store murders and he never confessed to anything to me.

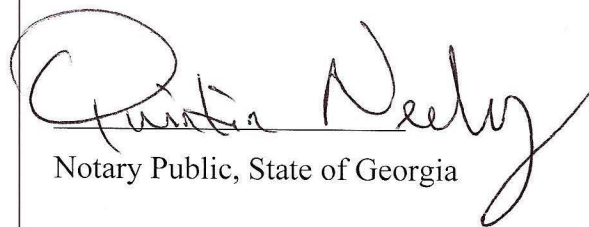
18. I never received the \$30,000 that John Johnson had promised me.

19. I have read and reviewed this affidavit and am willing to testify to the above information if called as a witness.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Georgia that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that this affidavit was executed on March 14, 2016 in Riverdale Georgia


Frederick Veal

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 16, 2016


Notary Public, State of Georgia

